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MR. CASTLE TO GO
 Accepted Appointment as
 Secretary to Legation.

Will Leave for Washington Early in
 November—His Relations With
 Minister Cooper.

James B. Castle, late Collector-General of Customs, has sent the Government his acceptance of the appointment as Secretary of the Hawaiian Legation at Washington. He will leave for his post of duty in November.

Mr. Castle resigned his position as Collector-General on account of ill health, not, as an enterprising foreign correspondent has put it, because he wished to work in a political way against Minister Cooper. On the contrary, the relations between them are and have been most cordial. When the announcement was made of Mr. Castle's appointment to the Washington post the gossips busied themselves at once and reported that it was Minister Cooper's desire to have him out of the road. That was another campaign lie.

Before Mr. Castle left Washington, and at a time when a successor to the late Frank Hastings was being considered, Minister Hatch sent for him and asked him to accept the place, knowing that he intended resigning from the Customs Service. He refrained from giving an answer at the time, and finally dismissed it from his mind, until President Dole asked him 10 days ago to accept the place. It was offered him because of his knowledge of things Hawaiian and because he is a staunch advocate of annexation and because his property interests on the islands will give weight to the opinions he may express to the public men in Washington.

The men who have been manufacturing reasons for Mr. Castle's resignation from one department and appointment to a position in another will have to find something besides an alleged disagreement with Mr. Cooper. Their relations are most cordial.

James B. Castle was born here, and is the second son of one of the oldest missionary families on the islands. His brother, William R. Castle, is an attorney, and for a time during 1895 was Hawaiian Minister at Washington. Another brother, Henry N., who died a few years ago, was the editor of this paper. James B. Castle was at one time interested in the firm of Castle & Cooke, established by his father, but withdrew about 12 years ago and went into business in the States, but remained only a few years. He has always taken an interest in politics in the islands, but his first active part

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was in 1893, when the monarchy was overthrown. When a vacancy occurred in the Custom House he was appointed Collector-General, a position which he held until the first of the present month. He has contributed largely to the annexation fund and has made two extended visits to Washington in the interest of the cause.

OF HISTORIC VALUE.

Two ancient bronze shields were recently unearthed from Mitchell Hill, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, says Black and White. They were found at a depth of 10 feet, and are supposed to be 1,700 years old. In appearance they much resemble those used by the Norsemen. The small one measures 18 inches in diameter, and is in a good state of preservation; the large one measures 28 inches in diameter, and is very much decayed, being entirely worn out in several places.

During the '70's the Transvaal Republic was virtually bankrupt, and in order to meet the demands on the Treasury paper money was issued, says the Strand Magazine. Specimens of this money are now very rare. So desperate was the state of the exchequer in those days that on one occasion change could not be given to an innocent Beer, who tendered a sovereign to pay 8 shillings' worth of taxes. If you bought 2-penny-worth of stamps and offered a 3-penny piece, you received in exchange, not an honest copper, but the bit of cardboard reproduced here, which informed you it was "Good for ein penny," a doubtful statement, seeing that if you tried to change it you received a stamp for the amount.

A GOLDEN ROAD.

California Highway Rich in Yellow Metal.

California boasts a road paved with gold, says the New York Journal. John Johnson, a widower of Bloomfield, wished to improve the road from his home to the village of Valleyford. For this purpose he received permission from Widow Martha Jones to take rock from a hillside on her farm.

While carting the rock he noticed what seemed to be specks of gold shining in the sunlight. Scouting wealth, he sent samples to San Francisco to be assayed, and learned that the stone he was building his road with was gold-bearing quartz worth from \$8 to \$10 a ton.

Then he sought the widow, and, pointing out the fortune which seemed to be hidden in the hill, proposed to share the cost and profit of development. But the widow was coy financially as well as sentimentally. She did not believe in Johnson or his goldmine story. Her permission had been given to put the rock on the road, and that was all she cared to have done with it.

Johnson was furious, but he saw his opportunity. The widow had given the rock for the road—on the road it should go, even if it were worth \$100 a ton. So all summer long Johnson's wagons worked until four miles of road were built, but the widow didn't weaken.

TRADING IN COUNTERFEITS.

An Exchange in Paris Where Waiters Buy False Coins.

The police of Paris recently discovered a regularly organized market place for the sale of spurious coins of France, says the Philadelphia Record. It was extensively patronized by waiters, who lay in a supply of the false coins to work them off on tourists. The large stock of false coins seized yere found to be of a quality superior to that generally uttered by counterfeiters. The idea seemed to be to safely insure small profits. For instance, a lot of 5-franc pieces were found to have an almost bullion value of 3 francs each. They were sold to the waiter customers for 4 francs each, thus allowing the dishonest purchaser a clear profit of 1 franc.

Few people look closely at a franc piece, and a very bad imitation can be successfully uttered in four cases out of five. The average price paid at this exchange for franc pieces was 25 centimes, or 2½ cents. European continental waiters are past masters in the art of passing counterfeit or demonezied coins, foreigners being their victims.

At Trier the remains of a large Roman house have been excavated. It faced on the main street of the old Roman city. A richly colored mosaic floor and the first window discovered in a Roman building are the most interesting things brought to light.

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